

In the United States Court of Federal Claims
OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS
No. 16-1137V
Filed: April 12, 2017
UNPUBLISHED

CHRISTINA HARRIS,

v. Petitioner, * Ruling on Entitlement; Concession;
SECRETARY OF HEALTH * Influenza (“Flu”); Shoulder Injury
AND HUMAN SERVICES, * Related to Vaccine Administration
(*SIRVA”);
* Special Processing Unit (“SPU”)
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Respondent. *
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*Danny Ray Ellis, Massey & Associates, PC, Chattanooga, TN, for petitioner.
Adriana Teitel, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for respondent.*

RULING ON ENTITLEMENT¹

Dorsey, Chief Special Master:

On September 14, 2016, petitioner filed a petition for compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. §300aa-10, *et seq.*,² (the “Vaccine Act”). Petitioner alleges that she suffered a shoulder injury related to vaccine administration (“SIRVA”) following an influenza (“flu”) vaccine on September 19, 2015. Petition at 1. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

On April 10, 2017, respondent filed his Rule 4(c) report in which he concedes that petitioner is entitled to compensation in this case. Respondent’s Rule 4(c) Report at 1. Specifically, respondent believes that petitioner’s alleged injury is consistent with a SIRVA. *Id.* at 4. Respondent further agrees that, based on the record as it now stands, petitioner has satisfied all legal prerequisites for compensation under the Vaccine Act. *Id.*

¹ Because this unpublished ruling contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, the undersigned intends to post it on the United States Court of Federal Claims’ website, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002. 44 U.S.C. § 3501 note (2012) (Federal Management and Promotion of Electronic Government Services). In accordance with Vaccine Rule 18(b), petitioner has 14 days to identify and move to redact medical or other information, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy. If, upon review, the undersigned agrees that the identified material fits within this definition, the undersigned will redact such material from public access.

² National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-660, 100 Stat. 3755. Hereinafter, for ease of citation, all “§” references to the Vaccine Act will be to the pertinent subparagraph of 42 U.S.C. § 300aa (2012).

In view of respondent's concession and the evidence before me, the undersigned finds that petitioner is entitled to compensation.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Nora Beth Dorsey

Nora Beth Dorsey
Chief Special Master